

The European Union Water Initiative Plus REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA



The EU-funded programme European Union Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+) has supported Moldova in its water policy reform journey since 2016. Moldova is committed to the approximation of its water legislation to the EU standards and good practice. The country has signed in 2014 an Association Agreement with the EU and is committed to improving the management of water resources with a particular focus on transboundary river basin management. EUWI+ has worked in partnership with key stakeholders on thematic areas including legislation, policy development and institutional capacity building; integrative river basin management, water quality monitoring systems; data management and public awareness.

NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE

Supported policy coherence through [5 meetings](#) with over 260 participants including representatives from environment, water, energy, agriculture, finance, economy, health, infrastructure and European integration, with an average 43% female representation

TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION

Support to the bilateral Moldovan-Ukrainian Dniester Commission

Guidance for creation of a Moldovan-Romanian-Ukrainian working group under International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) and support to participation in ICPDR meetings

IMPROVED DATA MANAGEMENT

Better collection of data and indicators (3 main data producers)

Integration of the data into a new management platform for both operational and analytical uses

[Visualisation tools](#) (dashboard, maps) to meet the information needs of different end users

WATER GOVERNANCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

[Amended Water Law](#) adopted, closer to EU Water Framework Directive

Updating the national Water Supply and Sanitation strategy with a new mid-term action plan for 2020-24, Leading to Government [Resolution # 442 on an updated national programme of Water Supply and Sanitation and mid-term Action Plan](#)

Code of practice making permanent [new norms for design and construction of small-scale potable water supply systems](#) leading to Ordinance # 162

Improving the use of economic instruments for managing water resources: [training materials](#) for testing at the Moldova' Academy for Economic Studies

[Reports on improving domestic financial support mechanisms](#) and [on enhancing the regulatory system for the water and sanitation sector](#)

[Code of Good Agricultural Practices](#)

[Support to reporting under the Water Convention and SDG 6.5.2](#)

[National Programme and set of targets to implement the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health until 2030, including public consultations](#)

LEGEND

Water policy reforms and international cooperation

Adopted Water Supply and Sanitation Strategy
Adopted Water Law amendments

Series of National Water Policy Dialogues

Supported participation in Water Convention activities
National Programme for Protocol on Water and Health

Dniester basin: support to the Moldovan-Ukrainian Dniester Commission*
Danube basin: supported participation in ICPDR

River basin management

Danube-Prut and the Black Sea basin: River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027

RBMP consultations in the districts

Nirnova sub-basin: local-scale master plan for water supply and sanitation

Water monitoring and data management

Trained staff of EAM, AGRM, EHGeoM and SHS
Newly accredited and equipped EAM laboratory

Series of surface and groundwater surveys

New groundwater monitoring wells

Server and data valorisation

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WATER MANAGEMENT AT THE RIVER BASIN LEVEL

River Basin Management Plan 2022-27 for the [Danube-Prut and Black Sea](#) developed (15,000 km², 1 Million inhabitants)

20 Moldovan experts involved in RBMP development, 12 [stakeholders consultations](#) (including 2 meetings of the Basin Council) with 280 participants including 50% women. Sixty comments incorporated in the draft River Basin Management Plan (RBMP)

[Master plan for Water Supply and Sanitation](#) to improve access to safe water for the rural population at the Nirnova sub-basin (358 km², 30 villages, almost 44,000 inhabitants in total). New inter-municipal association projected

EXTENDED WATER MONITORING NETWORK

Purchase of new high-end equipment for sampling, sample preparation, field measurement and analysis of WFD priority substances, physico-chemical and biological parameters

Upgraded groundwater monitoring network, (15 new monitoring sites (springs) and 3 new wells)

6 field surveys for surface and groundwater covering more than 110 sites

21 national and regional staff trainings on monitoring, sampling and quality management

[Successful new initial accreditation of the national laboratory](#)

18 technical reports on water monitoring, including a [surface water monitoring development plan](#) and a [groundwater monitoring development plan](#)

PUBLIC AWARENESS

7 outreach events, with [Danube Day](#) and [Clean Beach Day](#) held annually

1 [youth sporting challenge](#) on Danube Day 2019 "Cycling around the Prut"

3 campaigns on social media (phosphate and plastic pollution, consultation on RBMP 2019 and 2020)

More than 40 press releases and web news, 3 newsletters, 8 videos



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